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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express support for the anti-trust settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in November of last year. I would like nothing more than to see this matter put to rest, and settling is the right thing to do for all parties involved.

Microsoft's business operations will be watched over by a technical committee that will ensure Microsoft's full compliance with all of the agreed upon terms. If any independent company has a complaint against Microsoft that company may immediately have its case heard by this committee. Microsoft will share information with its competitors on Windows, and it will design the operating system so that non-Microsoft software can be built into the operating system. I believe this is sufficient to end this case at this time.

When this settlement becomes final, the strong competition in the industry will benefit consumers by providing more to choose from in the marketplace. The industry will receive a real boost, and this will in turn stimulate America's dwindling economy. I am looking forward to the positive effects this settlement will have on our country.

Sincerely,

Al O'Brien